

Dear Select Board Members:

Several weeks ago I wrote to Chairperson Christine Gray-Mullen of the Public Works Committee. This had been suggested by a member of the Select Board responding to my inquiry regarding the process of requesting a three-way stop at the intersection of Pine Street and Henry Street. (Currently only the eastbound traffic on Pine Street is required to stop at Henry Street.)

Ms. Gray-Mullen wrote back and advised that the issue would be discussed at the next PWC meeting. Along with two neighbors, my husband and I attended that meeting where we participated in a conversation about the legalities and merits of a three-way stop at this location.

Although there are criteria (from Mass DOT) used to determine when this traffic calming measure is required, we heard no reason why it could not be allowed. A three-way stop at this location would not in any way alter road design or access and would have a minimal associated cost (two stop signs and two white painted stripes), which we would be happy to privately donate to the Town.

At the conclusion of our discussion the DPW Director, Guilford Mooring, told us that this idea has to go from citizens to the Select Board, which could ask him to either study it further or direct that it be done.

Therefore, I am writing to ask that the Select Board schedule a discussion of the installation of a three-way stop at Pine Street and Henry Street.

Best Regards,
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